IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel Claims 5, 11, 32-44 and 46-51.

Claim 1, line 6, delete "substantially."

Claim 6, line 17, delete "any preceding claim" and insert therefor --Claim 1--.

Claim 9, line 24, delete "any preceding claim" and insert therefor --Claim 1--.

Claim 10, line 27, insert after "800μm" --, more preferably 600μm--.

Claim 12, line 1, delete "any preceding claim" and insert therefor --Claim 1--.

Claim 13, line 3, delete "any preceding claim" and insert therefor --Claim 2--.

Claim 13, line 3, delete "filter" and insert therefor --apparatus--.

Claim 14, line 5, delete "any of claims 6 to 13" and insert therefor --Claim 6--.

Claim 17, line 14, delete "any of claims 6 to 16" and insert therefor --Claim 6--.

Claim 19, line 18, delete "any of claims 6 to 18" and insert therefor --Claim 6--.

Claim 23, line 1, delete "claim 21 or claim 22,.."

Claim 24, line 4, delete "claim 21 or claim 22,.."

Claim 25, line 7, delete "any of claims 6 to 24" and insert therefor --Claim 6--.

Claim 28, line 13, delete "claim 26 or claim 27,.."

Claim 29, line 15, delete "claim 26 or claim 27,.."

Claim 31, line 19, delete "any of the preceding claims" and insert therefor --Claim 1--.

Claim 45, line 25, after "surface," insert --,wherein the filter is the filter contained within the apparatus of any of claims 1 to 31,--.

REMARKS

Applicant requests that the Examiner amend the specification as noted above. The amendments are being made (1) to include related application data on page one, (2) to replace within the specification PCT application number No. PCT/GB99/01929 with the PCT publication number WO99/66331, and (3) to include on page 3, line 60 a statement corresponding to Claim 24 as filed . No new matter has been included. It is believed that no supplemental fees are required for entry of this Preliminary Amendment. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any amount required or credit any overpayment in connection therewith to deposit account number 10-0447 of Jenkens & Gilchrist, P.C.